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Referred to Committee on Energy and Technology

Introduced by:
(ET)

AN ACT CONCERNING BIOMASS.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subdivision (45) of subsection (a) of section 16-1 of the
2 2008 supplement to the general statutes is repealed and the following
3 is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from passage*):

4 (45) "Sustainable biomass" means biomass that is cultivated and
5 harvested in a sustainable manner. "Sustainable biomass" does not
6 mean construction and demolition waste, as defined in section 22a-
7 208x, finished biomass products from sawmills, paper mills or stud
8 mills, organic refuse fuel derived separately from municipal solid
9 waste, or biomass from old growth timber stands, except where (A)
10 such biomass is used in a biomass gasification plant that received
11 funding prior to May 1, 2006, from the Renewable Energy Investment
12 Fund established pursuant to section 16-245n of the 2008 supplement
13 to the general statutes, or (B) the energy derived from such biomass is
14 subject to a long-term power purchase contract pursuant to
15 subdivision (2) of subsection (j) of section 16-244c of the 2008
16 supplement to the general statutes entered into prior to May 1, 2006, or
17 (C) such biomass is used in a renewable energy facility that [is] was

18 certified as a Class I renewable energy source by the department
19 before December 31, 2007, and has a nameplate rating of between
20 thirty and forty megawatts and that, during calendar year 2007,
21 produced Class I renewable energy certificates certified by the
22 department from construction and demolition waste, as defined in
23 section 22a-208x. Such biomass shall mean sustainable biomass only
24 until such time as the department certifies that any biomass
25 gasification plan, as defined in subparagraph (A) of this subsection,
26 [is] becomes operational and accepting such biomass.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	16-1(a)(45)

ET ***Joint Favorable***